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1. SUMMARY: ELEVENTH HSWP CONGRESS (MARCH 17-21) WILL SET FORTH MAJOR POLICY FOR NEXT FIVE YEARS. ALTHOUGH KADAR WILL REMAIN IN CLEAR CONTROL, THERE ARE LIKELY TO BE LARGE PERSONNEL CHANGES IN PARTY LEADERSHIP. MAJOR EMPHASIS WILL BE ON REASSURING POPULATION THAT REFORM POLICIES OF PAST WILL CONTINUE WITH ONLY SLIGHT MODIFICATION. THERE WILL BE SOME TIGHTENING UP OF ECONOMIC DIRECTION AND INCREASED EMPHASIS ON IDEOLOGICAL FIRMNESS AND "REVOLUTIONARY VIGILANCE". CPSU BOSS BREZHNEV WILL HEAD STAR-STUDDED ASSEMBLAGE OF EAST EUROPEAN PARTY

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LEADERS. HIGH-LEVEL MEETING OF PARTY BOSSES MAY TAKE

PLACE BETWEEN CONGRESS SESSIONS. EMBASSY BELIEVES THAT IN SPITE OF FANFARE SURROUNDING CONGRESS, NO SIGNIFICANT CHANGE IN POLICY WILL RESULT AND SPEECHES WILL ECHO GENERALLY BLAND PROGRAM DECLARATIONS ALREADY PUBLISHED. EXPECTED RESHUFFLING OF POLITBURO IS NOT EXPECTED TO RESULT IN DIMINUTION OF KADAR'S AUTHORITY OR IDEOLOGICAL BALANCE REPRESENTED IN THAT BODY. END SUMMARY.

2. HUNGARIAN PARTY CONGRESS OFFICIALLY OPENS 1400 MARCH 17 WITH BLAST OF SELF-CONGRATULATORY ORATORY ON SUCCESSFUL CONSOLIDATION OF SOCIALISM AFTER 30 YEARS OF STRUGGLE. PRIME EMPHASIS WILL BE ON CONTINUITY INASMUCH AS "ENTIRE PARTY MEMBERSHIP UNANIMOUSLY DEMANDS CONTINUATION OF PROVEN POLICY LINE...BECAUSE IT HAS STOOD TEST OF TIME". PERSONNEL CHANGES INITIATED IN MARCH 1974 CC MEETING CREATED MODERATE AMOUNT OF DISQUIET AMONG POPULACE AND KADAR HAS SINCE MADE GREAT EFFORT TO REASSURE COUNTRY THAT MAJOR POLIHVCAL AND ECONOMIC REFORMS INITIATED IN LAST 7-8 YEARS WILL CONTINUE WITH ONLY SLIGHT MODIFICATIONS.

3. THERE WOULD BE SOME CHANGES OF PARTY STATUTES IN ORDER TO CONVOKE PARTY CONGRESSES EVERY FIVE YEARS INSTEAD OF FOUR TO COINCIDE WITH PERIODS COVERED BY FIVE-YEAR-PLAN, AND OTHER CHANGES WILL BE DESIGNED TO TIGHTEN UP RECRUITING NEW PARTY MEMBERS AND GETTING RID OF THOSE WHO HAVE NOT MEASURED UP.

4. MORE EMPHASIS WILL BE PLACED ON IDEOLOGICAL FIRMNESS AND MORAL RECITTUDE AS "INDISPENSABLE PREREQUISITES" FOR MEMBERS AND RENEWED STRESS WILL BE GIVEN TO "REVOLUTIONARY VIGILANCE", A TERM USED INFREQUENTLY SINCE EARLY 1960'S. IN ADDITION, PARTY DOCUMENTS CALL FOR "DISCOURAGING ALL THINGS THAT DO NOT PROMOTE BUT OBSTRUCT OUR SOCIALIST CONSTRUCTION". THIS IS IN LINE WITH PARTY'S RENEWED EFFORTS TO INCREASE MARXIST IDEOLOGICAL CONTENT IN DOMESTIC CULTURAL AND POLITICAL ACTIVITIES. GREAT STRESS WILL BE PLACED ON LEADING ROLE OF INDUSTRIAL PROLETARIAT.
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5. SEVERAL HIGH-LEVEL PERSONNEL CHANGES ARE EXPECTED TO BE ANNOUNCED WITH NEW MEMBERS BEING ADDED TO POLITBURO AS OTHERS ARE DROPPED. FONMIN PUJA EXPECTED TO OCCUPY KOMOCSIN'S FOREIGN POLICY POSITION ON POLITBURO AND BUDAPEST PARTY BOSS EMRE KATONA ALSO EXPECTED TO BE BROUGHT INTO THAT BODY. RUMORS CIRCULATING AROUND BUDAPEST INDICATE THAT TWO OTHER PROBABLY CANDIDATES

FOR POLITBURO MEMBERSHIP ARE CC SECRETARIES ARPAD PULLAI AND MIKLOS OVARI. EXPECTED TO LEAVE ARE NYERS, FEJER, AND QUITE POSSIBLY NEMES AND ACZEL, LATTER A SACRIFICIAL LAMB TO SOVIET UNHAPPINESS WITH EARLIER POLICIES. THERE ARE SOME REPORTS THAT PRIME MINISTER FOCK WILL LEAVE BUT BETTING IS NOW BETTER THAN EVEN THAT HE WILL REMAIN. (SEE SEPTTEL ON PERSONNEL CHANGES.)

6. STAR-STUDED FOREIGN DELEGATIONS ARE EXPECTED TO BE LED BY CPSU BOSS BREZHNEV, FOLLOWED BY GIEREK, ZHIVKOV, HUSAK AND HONECKER. DOLANC WILL REPRESENT YUGOSLAVIA. CEAUSESCU WILL DEFINITELY NOT ATTEND AND ROMANIANS WILL SEND RELATIVELY LOW-LEVEL DELEGATION, I.E. AT POLITBURO LEVEL. THERE IS SOME SPECULATION THAT BREZHNEV WILL DELIVER MAJOR POLICY ADDRESS WHILE IN BUDAPEST BUT THERE IS NO HARD EVIDENCE TO THAT EFFECT.
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